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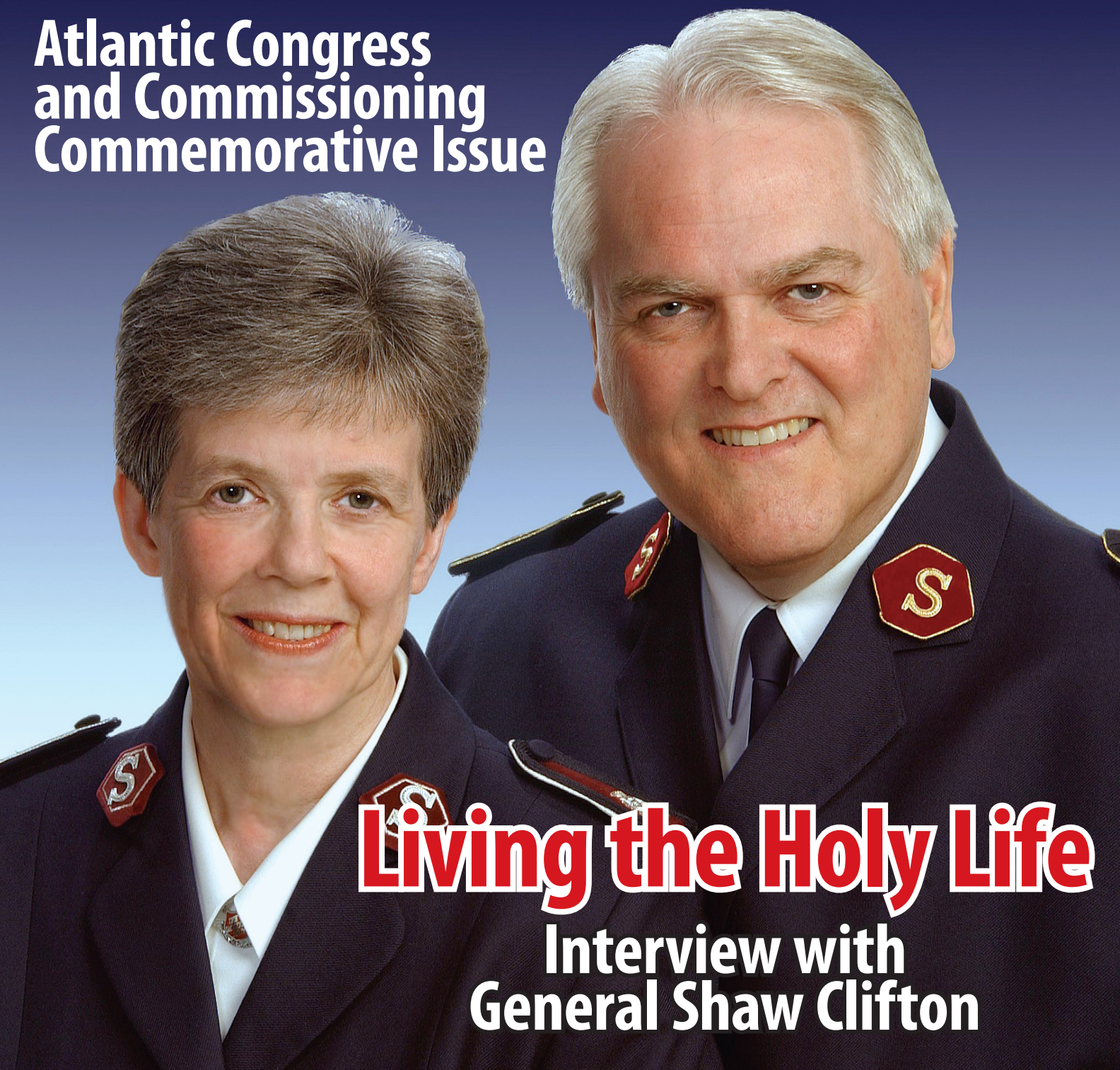
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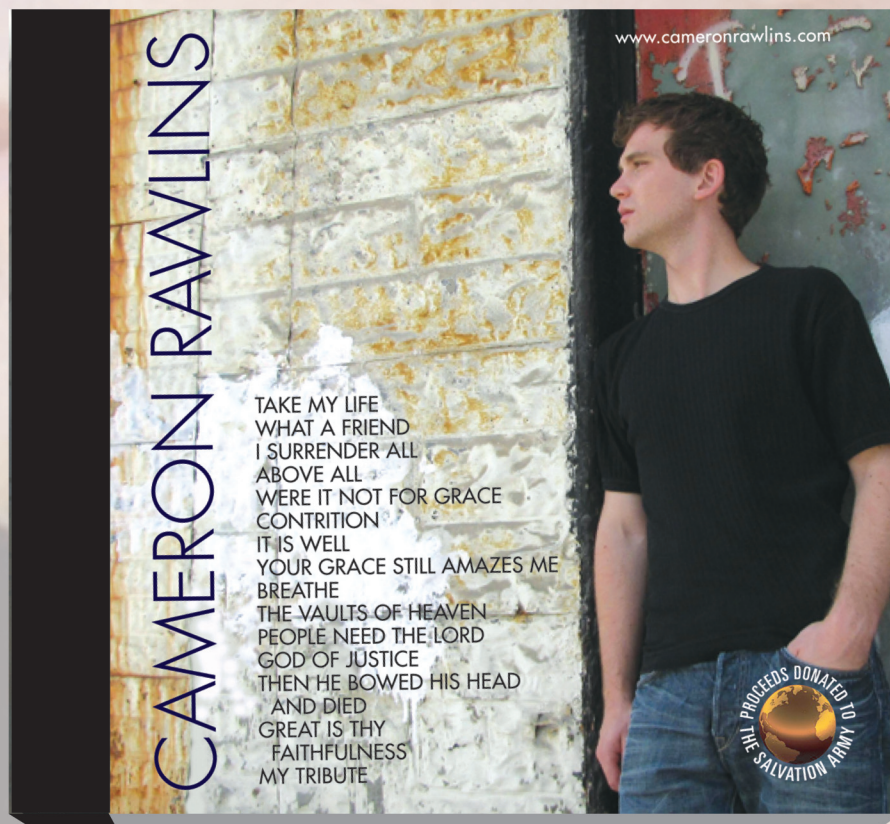
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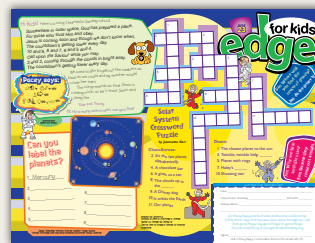
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Catch the Vision

This month we focus on the Atlantic Congress and Commissioning events taking place in St. John's, N.L., from June 18-20. There are some in our ranks who believe that congresses have lost their allure and lustre. As rationale for discontinuing them, they put forward the high cost of travel and accommodation coupled with a waning interest in denominationalism. The question is posed: Are we not better served by investing our energy and resources at the local level?

I grew up attending a small corps that reflected few Army traditions. Singing company and songsters were non-existent and attempts to develop a banding program were haphazard at best. Qualified leaders and financial resources were at a premium. However, corps members felt a strong sense of belonging. The Salvation Army was their church home and they were proud to be counted as Salvationists. Divisional events such as youth councils and congress were vital links in connecting the small corps to the wider Army and its mission. Sure, we had the annual Self-Denial Appeal with the large world map on the wall, pinpointing the location of Canadian officers serving as missionaries overseas. Occasionally, overseas officers on homeland furlough would visit and show slides of their work in faraway lands. But rarely did we realize that a larger, more

diverse Salvation Army existed beyond our corps' four walls.

This month, 3,000 Salvationists from the Atlantic region and beyond will come together to celebrate a common faith and heritage. Eighteen cadets from the Prayer Warriors Session will be ordained and commissioned as Salvation Army officers. Their profiles appear on page 14. Our senior editor, John McAlister, interviewed General Shaw Clifton in anticipation of his and Commissioner Helen Clifton's visit to the Canada and Bermuda Territory to lead the Atlantic Congress. When asked about the benefits of congresses and his hopes and expectations for this one, the General spoke of the need for encouragement, new vision and the realization that we are not alone in our service for Christ (read the full interview on page 8). One could readily add to this list the positive impact that the congress will have on the surrounding community.

More than 50 percent of our corps are located in rural towns and villages throughout Canada. The average Sunday morning attendance is about 50. Many corps are isolated geographically and struggle to make ends meet. Congress gatherings are expensive. And yes, there continues to be a waning loyalty to all church denominations, including the Army, throughout the Western world. But I wonder if this is not all the more reason to hold such events on a regular basis. Without vision, the people perish. People value what they invest in. Congresses require a commitment of time and money on the part of Salvationists. But the opportunity to experience a wider Army fellowship and actively participate in its worldwide mission is priceless.

We welcome our international leaders to the Canada and Bermuda Territory. We salute the divisional leaders and the officers and volunteers who have worked hard to make the congress a reality. To paraphrase the words of Doris Rendell (SASB 833), may all who participate in the Atlantic Congress catch the vision splendid of a world which is to be.

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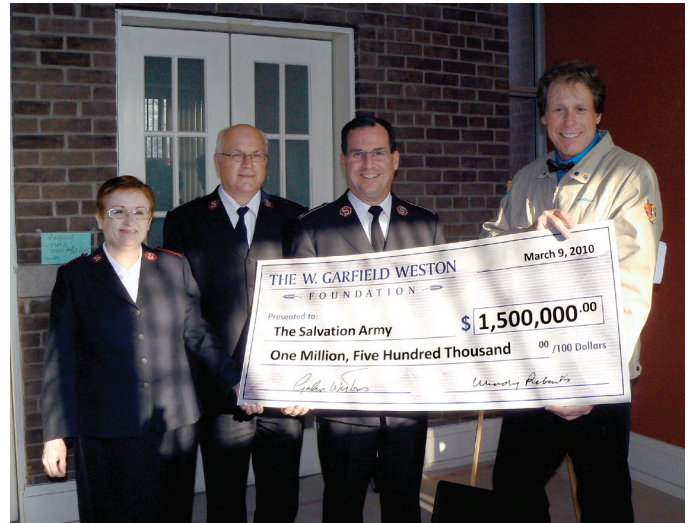
New Hope for Recovery

THE W. GARFIELD WESTON Foundation has donated \$1.5 million for urgently needed building renovations at The Homestead in Toronto, a Salvation Army residence offering recovery programs for women with substance addictions. The money will provide infrastructure upgrades in the heating, plumbing and electrical systems, as well as the installation of an elevator for mobility restricted women. "We greatly appreciate the generous support of the W. Garfield Weston Foundation," says Major Elizabeth Price, executive director, The Homestead. "The improvements will make our residential space cleaner, safer and brighter, and will enable us to serve a broader population of women as we give them new hope for recovery."



Miriam Weston Burnett

The gift was made in honour of the late Miriam Weston Burnett, who devoted 30 years as chair of the Foundation. "Over her lifetime, my mother dedicated herself to extending kindness and understanding to those in need," says her son, Charles Burnett III. The Foundation has also contributed \$500,000 to establish the Miriam Burnett Trust for Addiction Studies to



Pictured with Charles Burnett III, from left are, Mjr Elizabeth Price; Lt-Col Wayne Pritchett, divisional commander, Ont. CE Div; and Colonel Floyd Tidd, chief secretary

upgrade the professional credentials of Salvation Army employees working in addiction programs in Canada and Bermuda. The new dining room and kitchen area will be named Mrs. B's Kitchen in honour of Miriam Burnett.

Yellowknife Outreach



Residents design homemade cards at Bailey House

MEMBERS OF THE CORPS in Yellowknife, N.W.T., spent a meaningful evening showing residents how to create homemade cards at an outreach event at The Salvation Army Bailey House, a transitional home which opened last year. Each person was able to take home four one-of-a-kind cards plus stamps. "We are attempting to do at least one outreach event a month," says Major Jo Sobool, corps and community/residential services officer. "In February, we used the church building for an activity called Sundaes on Sunday. One hundred and thirty-three people from the community made their own ice cream sundaes, interacting with our church volunteers for the afternoon."

On the March in Corner Brook

MAJOR CALVIN FUDGE, corps officer at Corner Brook Temple, N.L., helped organize Finding the Hope and March for the Hope outreach events. Advertising pamphlets and doorknob hangers were delivered to 12,000 houses in the area. Representatives from many churches marched through the city and hundreds participated in a non-denominational celebration service at Presentation Junior High School. Major Fudge emphasized that the central focus was proclaiming Jesus Christ as the hope of the world. The evangelism efforts were part of Mission 33, an initiative started by Every Home for Christ, a non-denominational organization with its Canadian head office in Guelph, Ont. (Information and photo courtesy of Cliff Wells, *The Western Star*.)



Mjr Calvin Fudge

A Musical Feast

THE CHICAGO STAFF BAND, led by bandmaster and composer William Himes, thrilled a capacity crowd at Ontario's London Citadel with exciting and superbly played music. The repertoire included Stephen Bulla's *Praise Him*; Peter Graham's *Sirocco*, the title coming from the name of the wind that originates in the Sahara and sweeps across the Mediterranean and southern Europe; William Himes' jubilant overture, *Cause for Celebration*; Eric Alexander's New Orleans style arrangement of *Lord, Lord, You Sure Been Good to Me*; and Paul Lovatt-Cooper's popular work, *Vitae Aeternum*, which includes three Salvation Army songs: *God Came in Jesus to Live Among Us*; *I Will Praise you, Lord*; and *Holy Spirit, Promised Presence Fall on Me*.

Soloist Beth Cooper confidently played two movements from Himes' *Concertino for Flugel and Band*, featuring folk songs from Italy, Spain and Greece. Marty Thomas excelled with a unique flugel horn solo played into the bell of a B-flat tuba, creating a mandolin sound. Brett Tolcher, a university music student, gave an excellent trombone solo performance of Peter Graham's *The Guardian*. The band also presented Bulla's exciting quasi-classical piece, *Concertante*. Peggy Thomas, the long-serving principal cornet player of the band, and her son, Shaun, performed Ivor Bosanko's *For Time and Eternity*, a cornet and euphonium duet.



Chicago Staff Band delights capacity crowd at London Citadel

Following a standing ovation, the band delighted the audience with Himes' tongue-in-cheek tribute to the friendship between Canada and the United States with his *Stars and Leafs Forever*, in which he cleverly interjects *The Maple Leaf Forever* and *O Canada* into Sousa's famous march, *Stars and Stripes Forever*.

Supporting the Ministry



Preparing blankets and sheets for Army shelters

MARGARET BLACKBURN, VOLUNTEER co-ordinator of community services in Calgary and a soldier at Glenmore Temple, organizes a monthly women's ministries project at her corps. Women recently sewed identifications onto 60 new blankets and printed "The Salvation Army, Calgary" on 100 bedsheets for the men's shelters that operate out of the Centre of Hope and the Booth Centre. "We receive eight to 12 large bags of used sheets and linens each week from a hotel in Calgary," says Blackburn. "Most of them are queen-size or king-size, so volunteers tear them in half for the smaller beds of the shelters, and our women hem the sheets." The women also prepared 3,000 dining packets last November for the meals served throughout the Christmas and New Year's celebrations. Each package consisted of a knife, fork, spoon, salt, pepper, sugar and creamer in a seasonal napkin with a festive ring.

Bowling Alley and Pub Transformed in Kelowna

MORE THAN 300 PEOPLE gathered in Kelowna, B.C., to celebrate the transformation of a former bowling alley and pub into The Salvation Army's Community Life Centre and Thrift Store. The centre provides counselling, emergency food hampers, pro-bono legal advice, referrals, and help with clothing and furniture for the needy. Plans are also in place to develop a mentoring service and other community support programs. "This new facility enables us to own rather than lease and will allow us to better serve the Rutland community of Kelowna with more emphasis on helping families already living in the neighbourhood," said Major Ron Cartmell, corps officer.



Graham and Evan Skeen hold the ribbon at the dedication ceremony of the Kelowna Salvation Army Community Life Centre. Cutting the ribbon, from left, are Mjr Ron Cartmell; Mjr Susan van Duinen, divisional commander, BC Div; Gord Wilson, Debra Blackmore and Tony Duarte from Team Construction; and Jim Meiklejohn, architect

Rooted in Hope

THIS YEAR MARKS the 125th anniversary of The Salvation Army's work in the Maritime Division. The division has planned a number of commemorative events for the year with the theme "Rooted in Hope." Commissioners William W. and Marilyn D. Francis, territorial leaders, launched the festivities in Halifax, renaming the Booth Centre complex as the Centre of Hope. They also unveiled an extraordinary gift of hope and music, the symbolic "125 Guitar" crafted by renowned luthier George Rizsanyi. Humorist Bill Carr hosted the Festival of Praise concert at the Full Gospel Church in Hammonds Plains, N.S., with music and vocals provided by the Halifax Citadel Community Church and Fairview Citadel Bands, and

Salvationist Wendy Birt leading Spryfield Girls' Chorale.

The united worship service on Sunday witnessed the largest gathering of Salvationists in the division since the congress of 2002, with over 400 at historic Pier 21, the building at which Canada welcomed more than one million immigrants between 1928 and 1971. A highlight of the event was the enrolment of 10 junior soldiers and 11 senior soldiers. Commissioners Francis will return to the division in September for the celebrations in Charlottetown, P.E.I.

Below: Enrolment of senior and junior soldiers; right: Commissioners Marilyn D. and William W. Francis display the "125 Guitar"



Immigrants Take Important Step



Graduates of the Life and Employability Enhancement Program

FIFTEEN NEW IMMIGRANTS graduated in March from The Salvation Army's Life and Employability Enhancement Program (LEEP) at the Multicultural Family Centre in Winnipeg. The young adults came to Canada from war-torn countries such as Iraq, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Somalia, Iran, Sudan, Burma, Ethiopia and Eritrea. Esraa Al-Tahan, a 28-year-old Iraqi woman, fled from her country with her husband and daughter. Al-Tahan has a computer science degree from Iraq and is following her life-long passion to become an interior designer "thanks to The Salvation Army."

"Esraa is a strong, intelligent woman who has overcome many struggles and is now taking the first steps toward reaching her dreams," says Michelle Strain, supervisor of LEEP. The course teaches skills such as workplace English, computer basics and preparing for job interviews. Students must take part in five months of training, followed by a two-week job placement with the goal of being employed at the end of the course.

The Holy Life

General Shaw Clifton challenges Salvationists not to neglect their holiness roots

INTERVIEW BY JOHN McALISTER, SENIOR EDITOR



As the world leader of The Salvation Army, General Shaw Clifton gives overall direction, develops international policy and ensures the integrity of the Movement. Together with his wife, Commissioner Helen Clifton, World President of Women's Ministries, General Clifton travels worldwide to visit countries where The Salvation Army is active, providing encouragement and inspiration to his fellow Salvationists.

From June 18-20, General Clifton and Commissioner Clifton will visit the Canada and Bermuda Territory to give leadership to the Atlantic Congress and Commissioning weekend in St. John's, N.L. Prior to this visit, General Clifton spoke with John McAlister about the value of congress events, the importance of purity and the future of the Army.

What are the benefits of congress events for the Army? What do you hope Salvationists will take away from the Atlantic Congress and Commissioning weekend?

I think a congress exists mainly for encouragement—we all need that. And it's about meeting one's comrades as well and feeling reinforced because you see that the Army is strong. Many of our people who go to congresses come from smaller centres, so events like this are crucial for their encouragement and affirmation. It is about getting new vision, a new energy

and being reminded that you are not alone. You are in this with good people. You are in it together.

In previous visits to the Canada and Bermuda Territory, what stood out for you? What do you anticipate experiencing in this visit?

We've always enjoyed our visits to Canada, and not the least Newfoundland. I've been blessed to be in Newfoundland three times. The first visit was with my wife, Helen, to St. John's Temple when Majors Mary and Kevin Rideout were the corps officers. They invited us to spend Holy Week, Good Friday and the Easter weekend, and that was a great experience. We sensed the fervour and the passion of the Newfoundland Salvationists, so we look forward to experiencing that again. Our visits to other parts of Canada have also been helpful to us. I do remember vividly touring the territory, coast to coast, from east to west, with the Enfield Citadel Band in 1986, just after our third child was born.

I've always appreciated the Salvationism of Canadians and, of course, there was a time when Canada was the leading territory of the world. I don't think that is the case anymore in terms of statistics, but there is still a lot to look to in Canada and Bermuda with great examples for the rest of the Army world. We have always admired your passion for intellectual pursuits. You lead the world in terms of educational attainment, not only Canada generally, but certainly that is true in the ranks of the Army as well. The William and Catherine Booth College in Winnipeg has always been a source of great inspiration to us. We are just pleased to be coming back, and with a chance now to give something back and offer fresh encouragement.

Is there a particular theme or passage of Scripture that God has placed on your heart to share with us?

Psalm 24 is a good one; it's a sanctification psalm. We don't always recognize our holiness teaching in the pages of the Old Testament, but Psalm 24 talks about

going up into the House of the Lord if we have clean hands and a pure heart. I hope to be sharing something of our holiness teaching again with friends and comrades in Canada and Bermuda, focusing on purity of heart—the sanctified life, the holy life—having clean hands in the sense of our moral living but also a willingness to get our hands dirty as we serve the needy and roll up our sleeves. That's a great combination for Army people, with hands and heart, and we will just be together and be able to offer them up again before the Lord at the congress.

Canada is one of the most pluralistic countries in the world. How does the Army embrace the reality of multiculturalism? What are the opportunities and challenges?

I recognize Canada's multiculturalism, but of course many developed countries could be similarly classified. I am speaking to you from London, England, and I only have to look down from the windows of my office onto Queen Victoria Street to see ethnic diversity all around us here. This is at the same time a privilege and a challenge, and it impacts the Army very directly. On a global scale, we are at work in 120 countries and with infinitely more cultures in every country, there are many varieties of cultures to be engaged. We need to be very skilled about this. I think we are getting better at it, but there is a long way to go.

I like to walk into a Salvation Army corps building and see a variety of ethnicities very physically visible before me. That says something very powerfully to me. I like also to see a good balance between the genders, male and female, and a good balance of age ranges. I love to see children in a meeting, and grandparents. Our healthy corps look like that, they sound like that and they feel like that—they are very inclusive and they keep their gaze outward to the wider world. We are finding new ways of engaging with ethnic minorities and immigrant communities. It's a huge challenge because most of these

folk do not give an allegiance to Christ. They are frequently Muslim these days; the ranks of the Muslim community are growing hand over fist. Inter-ethnic relations are a huge challenge for us, but I think we are up to it.

The Army in the developing world is growing at a rapid rate, while the Army in the West remains relatively static. What difficulties does this pose and what can we learn from our global brothers and sisters?

Half of the soldiers of The Salvation Army worldwide are on the continent of Africa, and then another 20-22 percent in South Asia. So I have an Army that has about three quarters of its members in Africa and South Asia—and by South Asia I mean India, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka—but 90 percent of the Army's money comes from somewhere else. That is the challenge.

I can bear witness very powerfully, however, to the spirit of sharing and generosity. I see it every day. I see it week-by-week as the richer areas of the Army world give generously to those other areas that are richer in personnel, but weaker in fiscal resources. Part of my role as General, and that of International Headquarters, is to encourage a fairer allocation of fiscal and other material resources.

I don't really see difficulties in raising up future leaders. I see around me an

abundance of skilled and talented people coming through. In terms of top leadership, say at the level of territorial commander or chief secretary, I can identify people who already are in those roles, many of whom will continue to serve right up until the year 2027 before they enter retirement. I think we are well placed and I have intentionally, in my time as the General, sought to bring on younger leaders and take sanctified risks with them. That was done for me and my wife many years ago by General Paul Rader (Rtd), and I think it's something that should be continued. So I am not overly exercised about leadership. I think the Lord provides for us in this regard, and we honour him and thank him for it.

When you became General, you said that the Army needed to recover its advocacy role. The Army is good at ministering in the trenches, but how can individual Salvationists take a broader approach to social justice?

It's so crucial that one-by-one, we, as individual Salvationists, take up the challenge. You will know of the heart, in recent years, for more effective advocacy in the field of social justice. I created the International Social Justice Commission now based in New York under Commissioner Christine MacMillan, who is so well-known and held in high regard throughout Canada. Canada led the way in creating a pub-

lic questions board many years ago. You have Dr. James Read of the Ethics Centre and people of similar calibre helping us globally. But it's not enough for our boards and councils to meet in boardrooms and discuss social issues; it's what we do out in the streets and it's what we do in our local communities.

It is very possible to become locally engaged. There's a way each corps centre can do it. Sometimes they can go it alone as the Army; sometimes they can hold hands with other Christian denominations to lobby and to make representations. For example, in the district where my wife and I live here in south-east London, two things happened. First, in our local newsagent shop where we buy our newspapers from time to time, there was a large display of pornographic magazines regularly displayed. My wife, Helen, decided one day that she would just put on her Army uniform and go in and talk to the proprietors of that shop and challenge them about their wives or their daughters coming in and seeing this literature. The result was that it was removed; they didn't stop selling it but they put it out of sight. A small victory, but a chance to witness. Then there was the local newspaper that included advertisements for sex establishments and massage parlours. Again my wife took up a local campaign entirely on her own initiative and encouraged others to do it in their personal districts. Helen



General Shaw Clifton interacts with Salvationists in Santiago, Chile

would cut out the sex ads week-by-week and mail them back to the editor, a woman editor, and write that she was demeaning her own gender by publishing these. Helen also stated that they were living partially off immoral earnings because the newspaper draws its revenues from the fees paid for the advertisements by brothels that make their money from prostitution and pornography. Over and above that, some of the women we know are trafficked women, held against their will, and so the advertisements were tantamount to inviting readers to come and participate in a rape. The ads eventually were withdrawn and the whole publishing group changed its policy on that. So it's possible for individuals to act. You don't have to be a huge global organization before you can achieve things for purity and for Christ. God honours every initiative.

Some people would like the Army to become more like the church down the street. Does this compromise our identity? What specific characteristics define us as Salvationists?

Yes, it does compromise our identity. We were not raised up by God to look like everybody else. He wants an Army, and he wants it to be yellow, red and blue. He wants Salvationism to flourish and to prosper. God didn't raise us up to become a bland imitation of any other Christian denomination any more than the other denominations are to become some kind of bland imitation of the Army. There is a place for all expressions of the gospel and we need to be true to the purposes for which we were raised up by God.

I think when we recapture that sense that God invented the Army and meant it to be visible, meant it to be uniformed, meant it to have its own terminology and didn't want it to hide, we will have done a good thing. We stand in the Wesleyan holiness tradition. We are also an Army. We are not Congregationalists; we're not Methodists. We need to be ourselves under God. I think we need to continue to be intelligently positive and aggressive in our methodology as well.

You have outlined plans for a new Salvation Army Song Book. What factors will guide your decision-making as you choose which songs will remain and which will be added?

It's much too early to say. We have only had one meeting of the newly constituted Song Book Council and it is not possible to indicate the factors that will determine



General Shaw Clifton addresses the congregation during the William and Catherine Booth College graduation exercises in Winnipeg

choices. What I do know is that we have a strong tradition in the Army of publishing new successive song books, generation by generation, which show significant change from one edition to the next. So, of our almost 1,000 songs in our present *Song Book*, I would expect approximately a third of those to disappear and be replaced by new material that is more up-to-date—something that connects with the modern generation. Again, the challenge is that the Army is active in 120 countries, so how do you satisfy the cultural and ethnic expectations of all of those people? Well, we have to just do our best. I think the songs must be theologically sound, they must be consistent with our Wesleyan holiness tradition, they must have literary merit and they must be eminently singable. We will also be working, of course, not only on the *Song Book* but on a new band tune book, piano tune book and other publications. But I think the Army can expect significant change when it comes to the next edition of the *Song Book*.

The Army is led by officers but the number of candidates in our territory has declined in recent years. Do you foresee a crisis in leadership and how does the Army reinforce the value of this calling?

Yes, if the number of cadets in Canada and Bermuda continues to decline, it is self-evident that there will be a crisis for you. I think that is something that needs to be very intelligently and rapidly addressed. Your present leadership is fully aware of it and I salute them for the good heart they have towards this issue. But of course,

looking beyond Canada, if you look at the Army worldwide, it is not true to say that the number of candidates has declined; that's not the case. The number of cadets in training remains steady over the last decade at approximately 1,200 total in our training colleges around the world at any given moment. I am very heartened by that, given the postmodern challenges in many of our older territories, our English-speaking territories and our Western territories. The fact that the Army's cadet numbers have remained steady over the last decade is nothing less than a small miracle. I think God is very gracious to us and we need to honour him for it.

In your travels, where have you seen the Army at its best? Can you give two or three concrete examples that capture the spirit of the Army?

Yes, I could mention the India Eastern Territory for their passion for God, their fervour, their pride in their Salvationism, their delight in their uniform wearing, the way they take on local responsibilities and the way they tithe their incomes with every single soldier tithing in a disciplined manner. The Korea Territory is like that as well. They've got a terrific vision for expansion, sending out officers to spread the work of the Army. When we were in Korea for their centenary celebrations, I commissioned and assigned a young married couple to go and start the work in outer Mongolia, in the city of Ulan Bator.

We've just come back from the Congo (Brazzaville) Territory and witnessed tremendous fervour. I enrolled 185 senior soldiers and 190 junior soldiers all at one

go, every single one of them in full uniform, delighting to be in the Army and proud to be seen in its uniform.

If you take all the tests for size and success and apply them to every part of the Army world, the U.S.A. Southern Territory comes out top of the league. But they're matched by many other wonderful expressions of the Army around the world. Of course, in talking to you in this way, I want to salute our comrades in Haiti right now following the devastating earthquake. I think the citizens of Haiti have had bad press in recent days. We were there six weeks before the earthquake—the hotel we stayed in is now in ruins—and found the Haitian Salvationists and the Haitian people to be sensitive, passionate for Christ, open to the Holy Spirit and caring toward one another. We saw a beautiful spirit of prayerfulness. I could go on as I just love every part of the Army.

What do you think the Army will look like in 20 years? Are you optimistic about the future? What gives you reason for hope?

My prayer for the Army is that in 10 or 20 years—or however long the Lord spares us to work and to witness for him as an Army of sanctified people, an Army of people who understand the deep nature of sanctity without sacraments—God will still have a use for us and that he will help us to go on being a pure and holy people. I think we can be humbly proud under God to be in the Army. I think God loves the Army, and I think that he is proud of the Army. Here at International Headquarters, we take our expansion into eight countries in the last four years as a sign of divine approval and divine favour. Generals all through our history have regarded opportunities for expansion into new countries in that way.

If we remain humble unto God and obedient to the purposes for which the Army was brought into existence, I think he will go on honouring us and so I do not have any fears about the future. I think that God is ahead of us into the future so I am full of hope. I take hope from the young people that I meet around the Army world as I travel with my wife. They are showing us again how to be unashamed about our uniform, our traditions, our terminology and the mercy seat. They are showing us how to use the mercy seat in beautiful, tender ways. I think there are many reasons to be highly hopeful and optimistic under God, and so I am very relaxed about the future. ☺

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transMission from U.S.A. Southern
Territory

Band Accompaniment: St. John's
Temple, St. John's Citadel and Corner
Brook Temple Bands as well as
NewFoundBrass (the Divisional Youth
Band)

Transportation: A shuttle service will
be provided between St. John's Citadel
and Mile One Centre for the four public
events

Friday, June 18

2:30 p.m. Officers' Councils

"Destiny ... A Fulfilled Life"
St. John's Temple, 101 Torbay Rd

7:30 p.m. Welcome Celebrations

"Destiny ... Our Hope For Tomorrow"
Featuring Children and Youth
Brass, timbrels, drama, dance and more
Mile One Centre, 50 New Gower St

Saturday, June 19

9 a.m. Prayer Meeting

Mile One Centre, 50 New Gower St

9:30 a.m. A Gathering of Women

St. John's Temple, 101 Torbay Rd
Speaker: Commissioner Helen Clifton
Tickets \$15 (call 709-579-2022)

10 a.m. Men's Celebration

St. John's Citadel, 25 Adams Ave

2:30-4 p.m. Celebration Carnival

Bowering Park
Featuring music, dance, percussion,
face painting, bouncy castles, popcorn
machines and more

7:30 p.m. Ordination and Commissioning Service

Mile One Centre, 50 New Gower St

9:30 p.m. Youth Bash

St. John's Temple, 101 Torbay Rd

Sunday, June 20

7:45 a.m. Candidates Breakfast with the General

Delta Hotel, 120 New Gower St

10 a.m. Morning Worship

"Destiny ... Inner Life"
Mile One Centre, 50 New Gower St

10 a.m. Junior Congress

St. John's Citadel, 25 Adams Ave

Sunday Afternoon

Open-air meetings will be held at
strategic locations in downtown
St. John's

6 p.m. Evening Worship

"Destiny ... A New Life"
Mile One Centre, 50 New Gower St

Destiny



Led by
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Commissioner Helen Clifton**

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Higher Learning

Memorial University's Salvation Army Student Fellowship gives youth an outlet for mission

BY KEN RAMSTEAD, EDITOR FAITH & FRIENDS AND FOI & VIE

I have the distinction of being the only full-time Salvation Army university chaplain that I know of in the territory," says Captain Donna Simms. "I can't get any more unique than that!"

Captain Simms is chaplain of Memorial University of Newfoundland's Salvation Army Student Fellowship (SASF) in St. John's, N.L. "I think the SASF is one of Memorial's best-kept secrets," she says, "but with our growing social activism coupled with a solid spiritual core, I'm hoping that one day soon, we'll be a household name."

From Sea to Sea

The SASF is a group of university students that meet regularly for worship and fellowship. On any given Friday, their devotional sessions attract 35 to 40 people, but their social events can attract double that number. Their Facebook page boasts more than 100 fans.

SASF members reflect the university's student body in that they hail from almost every province and range the academic spectrum from the arts and sciences faculties to the music, economics and business administration departments.

"It's not just a Newfoundland-based group," explains SASF president Melissa Wheeler. "We've had international students from Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe attend our prayer sessions. A student



SASF members at an Olympic-themed event to raise money for cancer research

from India wandered in one day, loved the fellowship and ended up staying until he graduated."

Looking for Answers

At Memorial, the SASF had its origins in the 1970s.

"Young Salvationist students were at an impasse," explains Captain Simms. "They were too old for corps youth groups but at

the same time were not comfortable with the more structured church programs for older Christians. Young adults wanted to find a place where they could go and have fellowship with others their own age."

Wheeler typifies the quandary faced by many her age. A churchgoer her entire life, she realized by the time she started her bachelor of commerce degree at Memorial that her corps youth group was not able to answer the questions she had as a young adult.

"I didn't join the SASF right away as I wasn't ready to embrace my young adulthood yet," laughs Wheeler. But she started attending SASF functions in her second year of university and was



SASF executive committee attends a leadership camp



Cpt Donna Simms and Melissa Wheeler



An SASF "boil up," an outdoor social event popular in Newfoundland

elected to the group's executive in her third. "That was the beginning of my life's turnaround, where I became more involved in my spirituality. It's been an amazing journey."

For Captain Simms, her appointment as chaplain was a homecoming. "I was a Memorial University student between 1980-1985 and the SASF was very much a part of my life back then. It was a place where I grew spiritually, a place where other Christians gave me an option other than going to bars or whatever it was my age group was doing at the time. And though it's many years later, SASF is still about people looking for fellowship and spiritual growth."

Social Activism

SASF members meet Fridays for a time of worship followed by a social event. There are four Bible study groups a week, and Captain Simms also conducts one-on-one discipleship sessions.

Social activities range from cereal-sculpting contests to formal and masquerade balls to sports nights. Sledding and cross-country skiing events are also held. During the Winter Olympics, SASF members passed out hot chocolate at the torch relay in St. John's and raised over \$800 in support of cancer research. A bake sale was held to support a foster child they sponsor in India.

This sponsorship illustrates how the SASF has evolved from a spiritual and social organization to one concerned with social activism.



SASF members at a group retreat

"We surveyed our membership and there was a startling swing from previous year's suggestions for parties and ski trips and the like," says Wheeler. "This year people wanted more worship, more quiet-time activities and more discussion of issues such as human trafficking."

As a result, the SASF plans to take on more social issues this coming school year as well as more outreach, both on campus and in the surrounding community.

"In Good Hands"

Interestingly, attendance is often greater for the faith-based activities than for the social events.


Captain Simms has been mentoring a young man who started attending last September on the recommendation of a friend.

"He didn't know anyone and felt spiritually lost," says Captain Simms. "The night he attended, we had a guest speaker that turned out to be someone he looked up to from his own corps. It was like God was saying, 'Come home. Come back.'"

"Not long ago," she continues, "the young man told me, 'You know, if I had walked in and this had been just another social group, I would never have stayed. I was looking for

something more, and I found it here at the SASF.'"

Captain Simms comments that her generation of SASF members are now corps sergeant majors, corps secretaries and Salvation Army officers, and she expects great accomplishments from the current contingent as well.

"I've been blessed to minister to these young people," says Captain Simms. "I feel like I receive far more than I give. People worry about The Salvation Army's future, but I look at these young adults and I believe we're in good hands." 



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The Prayer Warriors

Introducing the newest officers of the Canada and Bermuda Territory



On Saturday, June 19, the cadets of the Prayer Warriors Session will be commissioned and ordained as Salvation Army officers with the rank of lieutenant. For nearly two years, these 18 Salvationists have participated in intensive training co-ordinated through the College for Officer Training (CFOT) based in Winnipeg. As they prepare for their first appointments as lieutenants, they share a few words about their training and the work God has called them to.

The Principal's Commendation

I am delighted to introduce the Prayer Warriors who will be the newest lieutenants in the Canada and Bermuda Territory. Their commissioning represents the completion of a 22-month intensive training process. This is the mission of the College for Officer Training (CFOT):

"The Salvation Army College for Officer Training exists to prepare, develop and inspire men and women in character and competency for Salvation Army officership."

These new lieutenants have been formed in character, competency and spirit in order to sustain and advance the Kingdom of God and the mission of The Salvation Army. This training begins a growth process that will be lifelong and multidimensional.

I thank God for honouring these new lieutenants by reaching down and placing his hand on them to serve as officers in The Salvation Army. I commend them, without reservation, to the territory and have every confidence that "he who began a good work in [them] will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus" (Philippians 1:6).



As the Prayer Warriors go forth, there are souls to be rescued, battles to be fought and won, and converts to be disciplined in the Kingdom of God. Indeed, the demands and needs far outstretch the resources of the personnel we train. They will be involved in Kingdom work that is of eternal significance. Jesus said, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field" (Matthew 9:37-38).

We need more workers in the Canada and Bermuda Territory. Will you join me in praying that God will send out workers into his harvest field? Are you prepared to answer that prayer? As you reflect on the calling of these new lieutenants and how God will use them, ask yourself, "Is God calling me to serve him as an officer in The Salvation Army?"

Major Eric Bond, Principal, CFOT

Lieutenant Jeff Arkell

I will fondly remember my CFOT experience as strengthening my personal faith, challenging my thinking and forging lasting friendships with other cadets. I believe engaging in a flexible training option as corps officer in Portage La Prairie, Man., has helped equip me for future ministry by providing hands-on experience as well as an opportunity to integrate classroom learning and witness first-hand the challenges and rewards of ministry. As I look forward to ordination, commissioning and full-time service, I pray in faith that I will remain loyal to God's call on my life as an officer in the ranks of The Salvation Army.



Lieutenant Graciela Arkell

My time at CFOT was filled with blessings, spiritual growth, new learning and great experiences. During my first year I had the privilege of joining a mission team to serve in Cuba through preaching the gospel, translating, painting and sharing with fellow Cuban cadets. It was also a privilege in my second year to participate in flexible training, serving as corps officer in Portage La Prairie, Man. What an awesome journey these two years have been! Thanks be to God.

Appointed: Portage La Prairie, Man.



Lieutenant Lorri-Anne Butler

Over the past two years, I worked across Canada in nursing homes, corrections, corps and even chapel services for preschool children. My training was exciting and educational. I experienced stretching, challenges, sorrow, joy, tears, laughter, friendship and increased knowledge. My time at CFOT will remain in my memory as I have learned so much from witnessing the work of Christ in my fellow cadets and the amazing officers at CFOT and across Canada. I am truly blessed by what God has done and look forward to what he will continue to do.

Appointed: Castledowns Church, Edmonton



Lieutenant Phillip Blindenbach

In responding to God's call to train for officership, I knew that I would be stretched. That being said, working out my formation in community was a matchless blessing and one of the most cherished aspects of my training. The crucial combination of academics, field involvement and spiritual formation served as a refining process, deepening my relationship with God and my wife. My lifelong journey to become the officer God would have me be was firmly set before me during my time at CFOT. I am looking forward to joining in the work of God within the community and ministry to which I am appointed.



Lieutenant Kathy Blindenbach

I have a passion for helping others see what God values in them, and encouraging healthy and honest relationships in community. My husband and I appreciate the investment of every officer, instructor and field placement that were a part of our formation, both before and while at CFOT. The academic study and practical assignments served to deepen my relationship with God. I look forward to sharing my experience of him with others.

Appointed: East Village Mission, Calgary



Lieutenant David Bond

It was an exceptional privilege to be used by God in so many ways over these two years. My experience with the CFOT mission team during the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver was one of the significant highlights of my training. It was an incredible experience for our college community to impact the world with acts of kindness. The heart of a church is in serving its community. I like the way Eugene Peterson paraphrased Hebrews 12:9, "So why not embrace God's training so we can truly live?" It is in submitting to God's training that I truly experienced freedom and many unique opportunities to share the love of God. I am excited about the future ministry God has in store for me.



Lieutenant Nyree Bond

While at CFOT, I gained knowledge in homiletics, Christian education, theology, Salvation Army history and mission as well as several biblical studies. I was afforded great opportunities to integrate this learning into my field placements at Urban Café, Southlands Community Church, Weston Community Church and membership with the Army's Social Issues Committee. Above all, I continually saw God's greatest commandment developed throughout my own spiritual formation (see Matthew 22:36-40). It is my prayer to persistently implement this in my ministry as an officer.

Appointed: Foothills Church and Community Ministries, High River, Alta.



Lieutenant Larry Campbell

As a cadet, I was challenged and saw the Lord work in my life as never before. My calling continues to be confirmed in my heart as I grow closer to the Lord. At the same time, it is clear that only through his strength am I able to accomplish anything. It is my prayer that all my plans will continue to be guided and directed by God, and that it not be my will but his that is accomplished.



me into the person that he wants me to be. I look forward with anticipation to what lies ahead on the road of life and know that wherever God sends my son and me, for ministry or otherwise, he will continue to go ahead in preparation of our arrival.

Appointed: Essex Community Church, Ont.

Lieutenant Rose Campbell

God used my two years at CFOT to shape me for his work in ministry. As I step out, I will miss the friendships and adventures I've experienced at college, but I know God will continue to direct my path as I look ahead to the future. I look forward to serving him in any way I can.

Appointed: Bayview, N.L.



Lieutenant Melissa Haas

While at CFOT, I was stretched, transformed and affirmed in my calling to full-time ministry. It's been powerful to see God at work in me and through me in ways that I could never have imagined. Throughout my time at college, I realized that God does not call the qualified; rather, he qualifies those he calls. I give God the glory for what he has done in my life and I now embark into my future ministry as a Salvation Army officer, "being confident of this, that he who began a good work in [me] will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus" (Philippians 1:6).



Lieutenant Brent Haas

It's hard to believe that my training college experience has come to an end. These past months have been filled with new friendships, impacting learning and transforming God moments that I will forever cherish. One of the greatest highlights of my training experience has been the opportunities to partner with ministry units throughout the country and to witness God mightily at work through The Salvation Army from coast to coast. I anticipate living out my calling of full-time ministry as a Salvation Army officer.

Appointed: New-Wes-Valley Corps, Wesleyville, N.L.



Lieutenant Michelle Elsasser

Through academic, community and field experiences, I am a different person. A highlight of my training was my work with the youth at Heritage Park Temple in Winnipeg. The time and energy that it takes to invest in young people has proven over and over to be worth every minute. This learning extends into all ministries, where I am constantly blessed by other people. As my husband and I take our two children, Janna and Caleb, on this officer journey, we are trusting in God to fulfil his promise to use us in mighty ways.



Lieutenant Kevin Elsasser

I learned many things at CFOT and grew significantly in my relationship with Christ. A passage of Scripture that continues to challenge me is from Joshua 1:8: "Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful." This verse will lead me into my first appointment where it will bear much fruit.

Appointed: Peace River Community Church, Alta.



Lieutenant Wayne Knight

To say that training at CFOT was an adventure would be an understatement. The journey to and through CFOT started when I entered the lieutenant's program in the summer of 2004. If someone had told me then that the journey would entail getting married and going to training college, I would have replied, "No way!" But the Lord knew otherwise, and I can only thank him for his vision and his provision. I am excited to see where he will take us from here. We will gladly go where he sends us.



Lieutenant Kristen Gray

I had a multitude of life-changing experiences both within the CFOT community and during the time I spent in assignments in Parry Sound, Ont., Saskatoon and at my brigading corps at Heritage Park Temple in Winnipeg. I met people who impacted me in so many ways and made lifelong friends who I know will be with me on the remainder of my life's journey. But most importantly, through this time of academics, field training, community living and spiritual formation, God taught me much about myself and others, and continues to shape and mould



Lieutenant Elizabeth Knight

At CFOT, I was challenged to try new things and to step out of my comfort zone. I am humbled by the work God is doing in me and by the work he chooses to do through me. I've been blessed by the people I've met, the places I've been and the many experiences I've had. Now, with my husband, I am looking forward to serving God and the community to which we are appointed as officers of The Salvation Army.

Appointed: South Shore Corps, Montreal



Lieutenant Carolyn Reid

Over the last two years, God prepared me for officership. I've had many great experiences and am grateful for the privilege to have shared in ministry with some wonderful session-mates and outstanding officer staff. God has been working on me; he instilled a quiet confidence within that empowers me to proclaim his glory. One of the greatest experiences was when my husband and I spent a week last summer at the Territorial School of Music and Gospel Arts. Every night before the lights went out, we sang, "In my life, Lord, be glorified." To witness campers of all ages and faculty come together and make this their prayer every single night was truly moving. My prayer as I enter into officership is for my life and ministry to always be glorifying to God.



Lieutenant Fred Reid

Training college was full of wonderful experiences. I know that God was walking with me, instructing me and preparing me throughout these last two years for service with The Salvation Army. As I look forward to ministering with him, I have faith that he will go with me and use me for the glory of his Kingdom! "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go" (Joshua 1:9).

Appointed: Bracebridge Community Church, Ont.



Partners in Training

During the second year of their training, the Prayer Warriors were joined by Cadets Saeng-Yon Lee and Hye-Young Cho from the Korea Territory. "Having had the opportunity to train in two training colleges—Canada and Korea—was a great privilege," says new Lieutenant Saeng-Yon Lee. "Before entering training college, I had doubts about my future, but now it is clear. God did not tell me where I would go, but he says that he will always be with me. It will be joyful to journey the world with God. He gives us strength and will be with us wherever we go. We know that we 'can do all this through him who gives [us] strength' " (Philippians 4:13). The lieutenants and their son, Joon, will return to the Korea Territory upon their commissioning. 



The General's Commissioning Message



Warmest greetings in Christ to all of you who are being commissioned and ordained today as officers of The Salvation Army.

God has touched each of your lives in a special way, calling you from your homes and from secular employment into paths of sacred service in his Army. You have responded to your vocations with glad and obedient

hearts. You have shown a humble and teachable spirit during your days of training. We thank God for each of you.

Now, as you stand upon the threshold of future full-time service as officers of God's Army, I commit you to the loving care of God who will watch over you through all the years to come.

This day of commissioning and ordination will live forever in your minds and hearts as a sanctified remembrance of being sent out, trained and equipped, to witness for Christ wherever you go and to serve with humility the needs of others wherever you may find them.

Commissioner Helen Clifton joins me in warmest congratulations to you all. We are proud of you. God will use you.

Continue to be faithful Prayer Warriors day by day, and you will see lasting fruit for your efforts for the Kingdom.

Yours in Christ,
General Shaw Clifton

Challenge from the Territorial Commander



It is with deep appreciation and joy that I congratulate you upon your ordination as ministers of the gospel and commissioning as Salvation Army officers. I welcome you as officers of the Canada and Bermuda Territory.

Today we celebrate God's personal, all-embracing call on your life. While it will be a privilege to ordain and commission you, it is Jesus who has chosen you. "You did not choose me," Jesus reminds his disciples, "but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you" (John 15:16).

Your session name will serve as a continued reminder to rely on the power of prayer. You will want to begin and end each day on your knees. Remember Jesus' promise: "Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete" (John 16:24). May you always live and serve God with a persistent prayer life.

My wife and I congratulate you and assure you of our support in prayer and any other practical way possible as you begin life's great adventure in partnership with God. We pray for vision, wisdom, guidance and courage. Keep building the Kingdom and the Army wherever you serve.

God bless you! God bless the Prayer Warriors Session! God bless the work and mission of The Salvation Army that will be fulfilled through your faithful lifetime of service!

Yours in his service,
Commissioner William W. Francis
Territorial Commander

Maritime Division

From lively corps ministries to compassionate community outreach, the Army on the East Coast is giving hope today



FAST FACTS:

- The Maritime Division includes the provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island
- The Salvation Army is celebrating 125 years in the Maritimes this year
- The Maritime Division consists of 26 corps, 908 senior soldiers, 136 junior soldiers, 2,345 adherents, 61 officers and 380 employees
- Divisional headquarters is located in Halifax, with an area commander for Nova Scotia and an area commander posted in Sussex, N.B., with responsibility for New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island
- The Army runs one long-term care residence, four correctional and justice services ministries, 24 community and family services, 16 thrift stores, one

- children's daycare, one seniors' centre and two community response vehicles
- Last year, the division distributed 9,225 Christmas hampers, provided 4,370 homes with heating support, served 92,730 meals and treated 162 people with addictions
- In 2009, 810 children attended Scotian Glen Camp and 5,601 children attended Kids' Clubs and Pioneer Clubs at local congregations
- \$850,000 was raised through Partnership with Christmas Daddies to provide toys to deserving children at Christmas
- The Army has partnered with the Children's Clean Air Network to create idle-free zones for vehicles
- In 2009, two shelters provided 25,000 nights' sleep for homeless men
- Immigrants and refugees receive assistance from Spryfield Family Resource Centre in Halifax



Mjrs Velma and Larry Martin

From the DC's Desk

"The fact that The Salvation Army is one of only two organizations still in existence today that were around when the Dow Jones started in 1884 is a testament to the strength of purpose of this organization." —Dr. Peter Legg, magazine publisher and author

"There is no more powerful engine driving an organization toward excellence and long-range success than an attractive, worthwhile and achievable vision of the future, widely shared." —Burt Nanus, author of Visionary Leadership

It is a privilege to be part of the missional purpose of God through the diverse ministries of The Salvation Army in the Maritime Division. We have an unprecedented opportunity to fulfil our calling as we positively influence people in their spiritual journeys. We have the

proven history and the dedicated personnel to make a significant difference in our communities.

Under the wider umbrella of our international and territorial mission statements, the Maritime Division is seeking "to save souls, grow saints and serve suffering humanity." With clearly developed goals and action plans, we are applying our spiritual values in a culturally relevant manner.

Our divisional vision is for "passionate spirituality and servant leadership: everyone diligently and conscientiously exercising gifting to fulfil Kingdom purposes in the spirit and manner of Jesus." This translates into vibrant, enthusiastic officers, Salvationists, employees and volunteers; empowered team leadership; financial sustainability; co-operation among ministry units; vibrant worship, increased attendance and joyful membership.

Thank you for standing with us in

prayer as we continue to do our best to "give hope today" and see lives transformed by the power of the gospel.

—Major Larry Martin
Divisional Commander

Girlfriends Unite in Fredericton

Fredericton is the small, friendly, bilingual capital of New Brunswick. The Salvation Army in Fredericton will be celebrating 125 years in November, and is committed to reaching out to the community, with a special focus on women. Girlfriends Unlimited was launched in the fall of 2009, taking the place of home league at Fredericton Community Church.

"Girlfriends Unlimited is a worldwide women's ministry that is popping up in churches everywhere," explains Captain Jennifer Reid, corps officer. "It is perfect for our setting."

The Girlfriends Unlimited theme is "Changing hearts. Changing lives. One girlfriend at a time." The organization



Having a Ball: Ladies dress up at the Girlfriends Unlimited event in Fredericton



Getting Cozy: Cpt Jennifer Reid shares a devotional message at women's pajama party

is based on the idea that when women develop their relationships with Jesus Christ and each other, God can transform their hearts and lives.

Fredericton Community Church is using Girlfriends Unlimited to invite women in the community of all ages and walks of life to come together for fellowship. It is promoted in the local newspaper and on radio, but most new people come through personal invitations. "God is opening doors for us to build relationships with women in our community, and we are grateful for that," says Captain Reid.

So far, Girlfriends Unlimited at Fredericton has held four events: a pink carpet event, a masquerade ball, a pyjama party and a chocolate feast. The events are not overly structured or formal. Each event is designed to help women relax, have fun, get to know one another and come closer to God. Each time the women meet they are pampered by local businesses that offer services such as manicures and makeovers. Each event also offers guest speakers, games, food, prayer and a devotional message.

"Women today are busy and working hard," says Captain Reid. "Many are wives, mothers and working full-time. Scheduling challenges often mean that, as women, we don't take time for ourselves or to connect with others. Girlfriends Unlimited allows us to support one another."

Resources, ideas and guidelines can be found on the Girlfriends Unlimited website (girlfriendsunlimited.com) and adapted to any local setting.

Living With Dignity in Saint John

The Salvation Army Booth Residential Services (BRS) in Saint John, N.B., is providing men with compassionate, practical

care in a secure, comfortable atmosphere. They help alleviate physical, psychological and spiritual concerns, while providing opportunity for a new beginning.

"We live with our mission statement on our hearts, and the community knows it," says Major Carson Durdle, executive director. Forty residents are part of the Special Care Program, which is designed for men with psychological or physical health problems.

Some residents come through the Mental Health Court, which offers alternative approaches in the justice system. For example, a 72-year-old man received a sentence of house arrest after failing to take his medication and attempting to steal a woman's purse. He asked to be placed at The Salvation Army, and he has found a new start at BRS. Twenty-six addi-

tional residents are part of the Community Housing Program, where they are provided with a room and board as well as a variety of services and resources.

Booth Residential Services is not only providing the homeless with food and shelter, it's also re-integrating men back into housing within the community. BRS Alternatives is a program that partners with housing agencies to move Booth clients into apartments and independent living. Men who are part of BRS Alternatives have a case plan that identifies potential issues and risks, and they are coached in practical life skills, such as relationships with neighbours and food handling.

BRS Alternatives management also acts as mediator between landlords and their new tenants. Bill, who recently moved out of the Booth residence to his own



Feeling at Home: A guest enjoys a Halloween treat at Booth residence in Saint John, N.B.

apartment through BRS Alternatives, says, "My new home gives me freedom to do what I want when I want." Laurie, who worked as a cook for 20 years, stands in his new kitchen as he says, "I now can make my own choices in regards to meal planning and preparation. I have hope for each day."

Last June, Grade 6 students from Blacks Harbour Public School arrived at BRS in a school bus full of gifts for men living at The Salvation Army. Throughout the year, the students did various fundraising activities so that they could distribute towels, pillows, shoes, MP3 players, snacks and various other treats to the BRS residents. They had a chance to interact with the men and really made a difference.

Booth Residential Services also reaches out to students at the university level. The BRS community council chairperson, Anne Timms, is a nursing instructor at the Saint John Campus of the University of New Brunswick, and, from January to May, nursing students from the university do a practicum at BRS.

"At first, many are fearful and timid, but then once they get to know the residents, they become friends," explains Karen Powell, support services co-ordinator.

A Boost for Youth, Seniors and Leaders in Sydney

Cape Breton Island, N.S., has a rich part in Canada's history and is a feast for the eyes with all of its beautiful scenery. Over the years, Cape Breton has suffered economic hardship from the closure of its coal mines and steel mills. The island has lost many of its young people due to economic downturn, but those who remain are welcome at The Salvation Army in Sydney.

"The small group of youth at the corps show great interest in the gospel and poten-



Kids Connect: Grade 6 students from Blacks Harbour, N.B., share shoes, pillows and towels with Booth residents

tial for ministry," says Major Daniel Roode, corps officer. "Our weekly youth discipleship time is exciting. Serious spiritual conversation is happening. Some young people are now taking soldiership classes, and a few have shown interest in the possibility of Salvation Army officership."

Seniors matter, too, at Sydney Community Church. The Parkdale Seniors' Day Program, a social ministry hosted at the corps, is known in the community as a welcoming place. From Monday to Friday, seniors come to Parkdale to eat wholesome meals, enjoy good entertainment and build friendships. Transportation to and from the program is offered, and on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays there is a focus on people in the beginning stages of Alzheimer's. Seniors who attend are well

cared for, giving peace of mind to many working couples in the neighbourhood who would otherwise worry for their aging parents. Reclining chairs, rustic wooden dining furnishings and oversized couches help the seniors to feel relaxed and "at home" at Parkdale.

The Army on the island is also busy equipping Salvationists for service. The Cape Breton Ministry Institute (CBMI) was established in January 2009 to train Army lay people for ministry in the local church. Salvationists from Cape Breton area congregations meet every couple of months to learn practical skills, such as leading services, preparing gospel talks, ministry with children and youth, handling crisis situations and Salvation Army doctrine. Following Sunday morning church



Equipped for Service: Participants at the first Cape Breton Ministry Institute with Mjr Daniel Roode



Healthy Mindset: Nursing instructor Anne Timms (centre) from the University of New Brunswick with nursing students at Booth residence



Volunteer Spirit: Thrift store helper Betty Deveau keeps the storefront tidy in Yarmouth, N.S.

services, the group shares a fellowship luncheon, and corps officers and guests lead the teaching.

“We saw the need for ‘grassroots’ ownership of ministry, with less reliance on the officers’ abilities and greater deployment of the gifts and service of the local people,” explains Major Roode, who also serves as chairman of the CBMI. “The people of Cape Breton have a resilient spirit and a proud heritage. We want to encourage them to pull together, confident that they can do everything in Christ, who strengthens them.”

Giving Back in Yarmouth

A presence in the community for 124 years, The Salvation Army is held in high regard in rural Yarmouth, N.S. “Yarmouth has a tremendous spirit of volunteerism, with over 500 volunteer hours given to the Army each month,” explains Major Peter Rowe, corps officer, Yarmouth Community Church. “The community feels loyal and they want to give back.”

Up until recently when one employee was hired, the thrift store was run by volunteers, and, at Christmastime, there is always an abundance of volunteers. When the corps needs help with anything from computer support to mechanical work, volunteers step up.

The corps has also experienced a revival in its youth group. God’s Girls was established in September 2008 as a mentoring and leadership group, and there are currently four girls, aged 11-14, attending.


“When we arrived at the corps, there was only one teenage girl, so we announced that moms with young teens could bring

their daughters along to women’s ministry for a separate informal time together,” explains Major Janice Rowe, corps officer. “Our aim was to connect these girls as friends first and to watch it grow from there.” God’s Girls have enjoyed scrapbooking, quilting, board games and a

movie night, and they always have a devotional time together, exploring topics in the Bible that are relevant to them.

Parents of the God’s Girls have noticed a growing spiritual maturity and closeness to God in their daughters. “It’s wonderful to see the girls excited to read their Bibles and talking about God with their friends on Facebook,” says Major Janice Rowe.

Margaret Baggs is the God’s Girls mentor, and she is not afraid to explore issues that are important to the girls. “I’m always humbled and amazed at these girls, who are so open to God,” she says. “Since leading the group I have grown spiritually and learned so much.”

The girls are being mentored in leadership and, on occasion, participate in the Sunday service, producing and acting out dramas, reading Scripture, singing, leading responsive readings or sharing testimonies. While Yarmouth had struggled with the lack of young people in the congregation, corps members are excited to see the youth ministry revived again. The corps is growing, people are warmly welcomed and there is a significant increase in new attendees. 

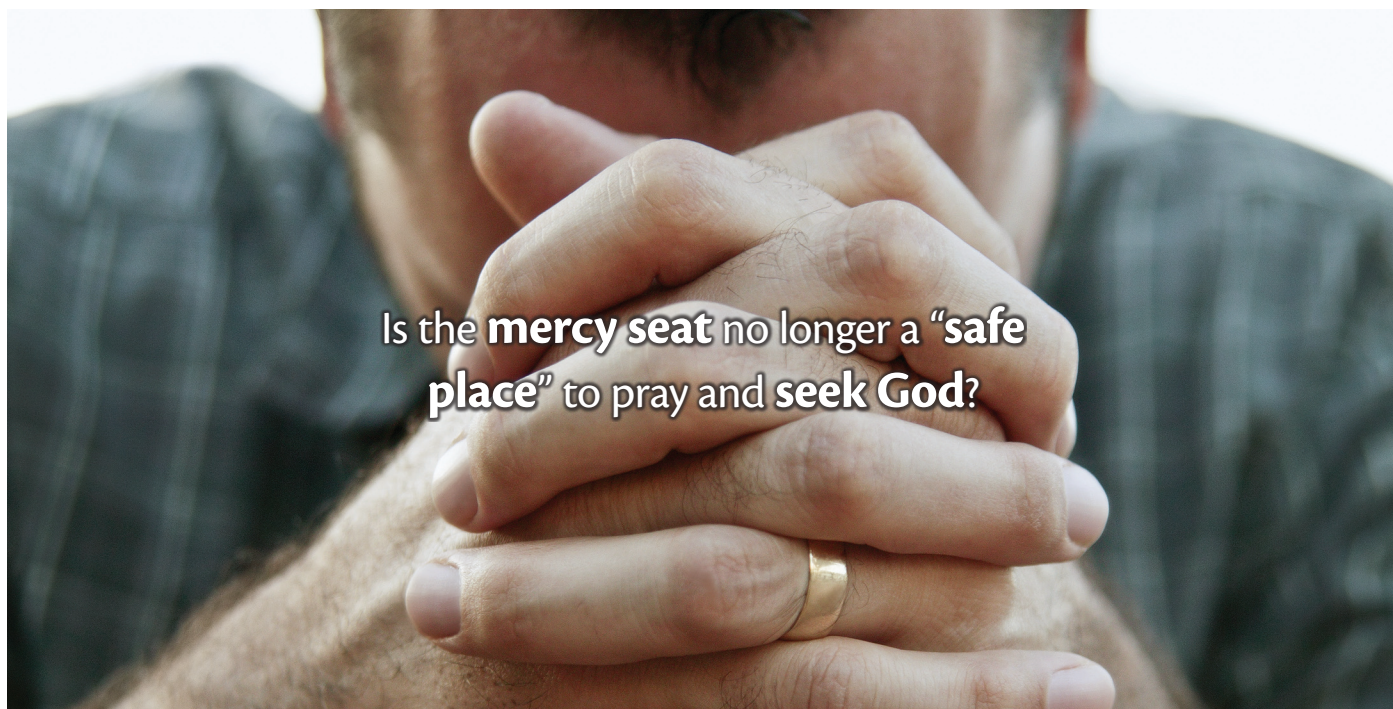


God’s Girls: Teens in Yarmouth, N.S., share their creativity by making a wall quilt

Making Faith Public

Too often we look for ways to control who we let into our personal space

BY MAJOR JULIE SLOUS



Recently, I walked away from a conversation that left me feeling unsettled. The essence of the exchange centred on whether it was appropriate for a Salvationist preacher to call people to the mercy seat following the sermon.

“My faith is a private affair,” this person argued. “It’s personal to me and I am just not comfortable making my convictions public.” Time did not permit me the opportunity to offer all that I wanted to say, but the comment invited some further thought on my part.

I wondered what was in this person’s background that had led to the forming of this perspective. What would inhibit a desire to make one’s convictions public? Had there been negative experiences of the mercy seat in the past? Had there been undue pressure applied so that it no longer seemed a “safe place” to pray and seek God? Had some well-meaning saint pronounced judgment, alleging something this person must have done wrong, thus invading what should have been a sacred encounter? Did this person even fully understand what the mercy seat represents?

We shouldn’t be surprised by these concerns. After all, society is continually reminding us of the importance of protecting people’s privacy. In Canada, both federal and provincial laws regulate how personal information is collected and how such information can be used. Even in our e-mails we stumble across the following proviso: “The contents of this message is privileged and may contain confidential information intended only for the person(s) named above. Any other distribution, copy or disclosure is strictly prohibited.” All of this comes our way for good reason. There are many corrupted minds that would seek to benefit from stealing the personal identity and privileged information of others.

There is, however, more to this debate. Political scientist Robert Putnam argues that the nature of social relationships is undergoing significant re-shaping in this day and age. This has had huge impact on how people connect and function within community.

Putnam notes that more young people today are “bowling alone,” his metaphor for the fact that they are more likely to

choose activities that put themselves in selective isolation (how many hours do people spend in front of the TV or playing video games?) versus mingling and mixing in community. Even checking Facebook can become a selective activity, where you pick and choose with whom you connect. If you don’t like someone, you just block them as a friend and keep control of your community. (Interestingly, this is a little more challenging to do when sitting in the context of Sunday morning worship!)

In all this, there seems to be an identifiable trend: we are becoming a society that is distant from itself. In *After the Babyboomers*, sociologist Robert Wuthnow quotes a middle-aged woman living in the suburbs who describes her life this way: “We get in our car and go to Wal-Mart or work. We’re so segmented. We don’t see our neighbours. We don’t even have a five-minute meaningful conversation with folks. I didn’t even realize our next-door neighbours went to our church. We’d been there almost three years before we met them.”

At the heart of this trend is the desire

to control who we let into our personal space. The great tragedy is that we have become a society that does not easily trust. So maybe my conversation partner came by the perspective honestly when he said, "Faith is a private affair." Making our convictions public can be daunting to some for fear of censorship or invasion of personal space.

While this may seemingly be the "way of the world," it is not the way of the gospel. Can you imagine if the good news of the resurrection had remained a private affair? Visualize the women making their way to the tomb on that first Easter morning. Overwhelmed by their grief, they come face-to-face with the angel. They hear the message clearly, "Don't be afraid. You're looking for Jesus, right? Well, here's the 411. He's not here! He is risen! Come and see it for yourselves! *But be warned, ladies, you must keep this completely confidential. Do not breathe a word of this. This resurrection is a private matter! Tell absolutely no one.*"

While offered "tongue in cheek," the point in all of this is that if the resurrection had played out in this way, you and I would not be the recipients of this good news today and we would not know the joy of Easter celebration.

When the invitation is given to step forward to a Salvation Army mercy seat, it is the Salvationist's sacramental opportunity to outwardly demonstrate the inner workings of grace. It is a place, in the context of corporate worship, where we can make our faith visible and give testimony to that which we believe. As Major Nigel Bovey argues in his book *The Mercy Seat*, it is the Salvationist's communion table where we come together as a family of believers to affirm our common experiences and beliefs. It is a place where we can pray and seek God. It is a place where the sinner can make things right with God. It is a privileged place of worship that has no barriers or limitations. It is a place to make our faith public.

I wonder if that's what Jesus had in mind when he sent out the Twelve and he said, "Whoever publicly acknowledges me, I will also acknowledge before my Father in Heaven" (Matthew 10:32). It may help us to make further sense of Jesus' rhetoric about being "salt and light." One of the first times we may have opportunity to do that is next Sunday morning when the invitation to the mercy seat is given following the sermon.

May God help us to expand our mercy seat theology to see it as more than just

June 1-5

Focus on the World Missions Department

- 1 Pray that through our assistance the needs of Haiti's poverty-stricken children will be met
- 2 Pray that Liberia's children will receive an education
- 3 Pray for the ongoing rebuilding of isolated villages affected by the 2008 earthquake in the Chinese province of Sichuan
- 4 Pray for the countries where The Salvation Army has recently started ministry: Namibia, Mali, Nepal, Mongolia, Kuwait and Nicaragua
- 5 Pray for the work in Bangladesh, especially with blind and deaf students in our integrated schools

June 6-12

Focus on the Quebec Division

- 6 Pray for a safe and fruitful summer camping program at Lac L'Achigan under the leadership of Cpts Jean-Curtis Plante and Rachele Lamont
- 7 Pray for women's camp, June 25-27, with special guests Dr. Judy McIntosh and Chantal Bilodeau-Legendre
- 8 Pray that our youth ministries will seek, save, disciple and train our future leaders
- 9 Pray that good social services programs will be maintained in spite of severe financial constraints
- 10 Pray that God will raise up holy and competent personnel to meet leadership needs
- 11 Pray for a productive, internal re-organization, and successful approaches through our public relations and development department
- 12 Pray for a fresh wind of God's Holy Spirit to sweep through our people and ministries

June 13-19

Focus on the Atlantic Congress and Commissioning

- 13 Pray for effective witness in St. John's, N.L., during the commissioning and congress weekend
- 14 Pray for the summer assignments for the Ambassadors of Holiness Session of cadets

a place where sinners repent and believe the gospel. What happens around The Salvation Army altar can be the crowning glory of all our worship as we jointly affirm, "I know in whom I have believed." May God help us not to be strangers to this sacred place, and at every opportu-

- 15 Pray for the communities across the territory to which the new officers and cadets will be sent
- 16 Pray for the cadets' children who will be in transition
- 17 Pray for all the travel arrangements to and from this celebration weekend
- 18 Pray for cadets' family members who will be attending the commissioning events
- 19 Pray that the commissioning and ordination of the Prayer Warriors Session will be used to help others to obey God's call to officership

June 20-26

Focus on Living the Vision: We envision participative authority

- 20 Pray that we will worship Christ as the head of the Church universal of which the Army is a part
- 21 Pray that organizationally we will be obedient to God's authority
- 22 Pray that our leadership will emphasize collaboration and co-operation at all administrative levels
- 23 Pray that we will make room for new styles of worship that can help shape our journey together
- 24 Pray that we will allow God to love, search and show us his interpretation of spiritual authority
- 25 Pray that we will repent if we have abused the authority God has invested in us
- 26 Pray that the governance model in your local setting will further the Army's mission

June 27-30

Focus on Personnel on International Service

- 27 Pray that lay Salvationists and officers will offer themselves for international service
- 28 Pray that God will keep international personnel safe and healthy for their ministry
- 29 Pray that international cross-cultural ministry will strengthen the host and home territories
- 30 Pray that international personnel will strengthen the Kingdom through their Christian service and living

ity we have, let us not fear to make our faith public.

Major Julie Slous is the corps officer at Winnipeg's Heritage Park Temple. She also serves as adjunct faculty at the College for Officer Training.



Salvationists and friends of **Botwood, NL Division** warmly welcome **General Shaw Clifton** and **Commissioner Helen Clifton** to the Canada and Bermuda Territory, and especially to Newfoundland and Labrador.

You are invited to worship with us every Sunday at 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Come enjoy great singing, awesome music, including a brass band, and good, old-fashioned, anointed gospel preaching.

Be blessed as we worship the Lord together at The Salvation Army, 15a Circular Rd, Botwood.

**The Salvation Army
in St. Anthony, N.L.
100th Anniversary Celebrations**

October 1-3, 2010

With **Lt-Colonels Alfred and Ethel Richardson**, *Divisional Leaders*

Friday, October 1

4 p.m. Meet and Greet

7 p.m. Praise and Worship

Saturday, October 2

1:30-4 p.m. Family Day

6 p.m. Dinner

Sunday, October 3

March of Witness/Worship Services

Send greetings to PO Box 699, St. Anthony, NL A0K 4S0; Raymond_Janes@can.salvationarmy.org

**St. John's Temple
125th Anniversary Celebrations**

March 16-17, 2011

A LIVING HERITAGE—Join Newfoundland and Labrador's "Number 1" corps for this celebratory occasion as we acknowledge God's faithfulness through the years, thank him for present blessings and seek his favour for the future. With a strong music ministry and energetic youth programming, St. John's Temple is poised to catch the "wind of the Spirit" to propel us forward. Visit satemple.ca for further information.

**Celebrating 125 years
The Salvation Army
Fredericton Community
Church**

*Celebrating Our Past,
Forging Ahead By His Grace*
November 6-7, 2010

With **Colonels Floyd and Tracey Tidd** and
Fairview Citadel Band (Halifax)

Saturday, November 6

Anniversary Banquet and Musical Concert (advance tickets required for banquet)

Sunday, November 7

Celebration and Praise Service;
Afternoon Program

Friends, former officers, soldiers may send greetings by phone: (506) 455-3243; fax: (506) 450-2991 or e-mail: Bradley_Reid@can.salvationarmy.org or Jennifer_Reid@can.salvationarmy.org

SPRINGDALE CORPS

welcomes our International Leaders to Newfoundland and Labrador!

When visiting our area, why not join us for wonderful worship, great singing and stimulating preaching?

**THE BIRTHPLACE OF
CONFEDERATION**

Historic **Charlottetown** will celebrate the 125th anniversary of The Salvation Army on Prince Edward Island. Come join the corps from Charlottetown and Summerside on September 25-26 as we celebrate this milestone in the history of Prince Edward Island.

With **Commissioners William W. and Marilyn D. Francis** and the **Fairview Citadel Band** (Halifax)

For information contact The Salvation Army Charlottetown Community Church at ian_scott@can.salvationarmy.org or event chair Jerry Cranford at jerryandvivian@eastlink.ca

**The Salvation Army
Green's Harbour Corps
Celebrating 80 Years of Ministry**

We welcome **General Shaw Clifton** and **Commissioner Helen Clifton** to the Atlantic Congress and Commissioning.

If you are in the Trinity Bay area this summer, drop by and visit.

Sundays—worship at 11 a.m. and summer open-air service at 6 p.m.

Vacation Bible School—July 5-9

For details contact us at PO Box 119, Green's Harbour, NL A0B 1X0; 709-582-3230; Tony_Brushett@can.salvationarmy.org or Bev_Brushett@can.salvationarmy.org

**The Newfoundland and
Labrador Division**

is pleased to greet and welcome **General Shaw Clifton** and **Commissioner Helen Clifton** to our province and division to give leadership to the historic 2010 Atlantic Congress and Commissioning. May the Spirit of God perform a powerful work among his gathered people.

Officership: Committed for Life?

I read with interest the debate between Majors Wendy and Ian Swan (Officership: A Lifetime Call?, April). I think having lay leadership is critical. That was a crucial concept in the early Army that we've gotten away from, and it's hurting us.

Having said that, I've always felt that officership is a commitment for "as long as God can use you there," which is normally a lifetime. I've known many ex-officers and, as far as I know, none of them left the work because they got a better offer. The vast majority left due to abuses of power at the DHQ or THQ level.

Is it possible we're looking at the wrong root cause for this problem?

If officers want to stay officers they need to be supported. This involves helpful and pastoral headquarters staff, as well as strong lay leadership. Without this they will be either chased off or burned out.

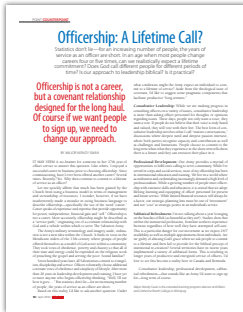
Josh Garrington

Dealing With Disruptions

I'm responding to the debate between Major Karen Hoeft and Captain Rob Kerr (The Sunday Morning Worship Blues, March). A community of faith is a family—a church family. Like all families there are members of all ages. All are welcome. We should be thankful we can hear the voices and sounds made by babies and younger children. It shows the church family has life, energy and a future.

Children making noise? Let's make gossip an issue. Let's make character attacks an issue. Let's make unkind and unloving spirits an issue. A lot of the folks who scowl and have something to say to their friends after the worship meeting about these "disruptions" are pleasing Satan more than a baby crying or a child asking his mother for juice and Cheerios.

The disciples also thought children were "disruptions." We're told Jesus was



"indignant" by their reaction. Are we hindering little children and their families? Are we making up unfair rules for worship? Are we making communities of faith into art galleries and museums?

Christ would be indignant with our reaction.

Captain Mark Braye

I would like to thank Captain Rob Kerr for his article and his thoughtful comments addressing some issues that are present in our congregations. It is refreshing to listen to someone who has his entire congregation, new and old, in his thoughts. I don't see anything offensive about informing anyone about services available in that church. Sending children out to Sunday school or to a nursery room is a wonderful way for younger children to learn about the love of Jesus for them—it's at their level. Sermons are not.

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I agree with Captain Kerr that we should all accept occasional disruptions in a service, but when they become common distractions and annoyances, and bring tension into your worship, that definitely needs to be addressed with love and thoughtfulness. How do you honestly sit in a service, ready to receive what God has planned for you to absorb, when your thoughts and focus are pulled to unnecessary distractions? This is not being uncompassionate or unloving—it is just a fact. Don't be upset with those souls who are distracted by behaviour that is not respectful. You cannot focus on the message when your mind wanders.

When we do not address these kinds of issues that face us, we do a great injustice to the Father, to others that have come to worship, to ourselves and to those who need some direction. As followers of Christ we are all working to build the Kingdom

and we need to pray for guidance for issues such as these. The evil one is an opportunist. Be on your guard.

Pam Proctor

Uniform: Trendy or Dated?

I appreciated Lt-Colonel Lynda Watt's article (Committed Fashionistas, April). I love the Army uniform. I always have. To me it is an outward sign of inward grace. It represents the fact that Salvationists are in a spiritual battle, not one of flesh and blood. It is a far less expensive clothing item than dressing up for church on Sundays.

Peter Haslett



Sunday best? That doesn't exist anymore. If we want a new generation of Salvationists to be identifiable in their warfare then we need to give them some "new weapons."

I say let the formal uniform remain for those who are proud to wear it, but give us some options, please, so waitresses don't ask what airline I fly for (actually happened to me)! Maybe something that is "modern, affordable and includes clear identification as The Salvation Army," as suggested in the 2008 Symposium.

Kerry Guy

The concept of uniform is to be identifiable. Only a soldier can wear full uniform because in wearing uniform you represent not just yourself, but the positions and values of The Salvation Army. One person in a crowd can carry the history and actions of the whole Movement, which can be a blessing and a curse. However, whichever it is, it has great power.

If one only wears the uniform to go to an "Army" meeting, then he or she is only preaching to the converted. The uniform is intended to be worn in the world to speak to the issues that The Salvation Army believes are important.

When I sit in a legislative assembly gallery in full uniform, the politicians know that we care about what they are doing on behalf of the citizens of our province/territory, and we will hold them accountable to think about "all" citizens. Though we may not be known by all in our communities, we do carry the voice of the marginalized and, when we show up, people remember those who are often forgotten.

Major Karen Hoeft

Solemn Vows

As Jesus approached the hour of his death, he revealed God's new covenant

BY MAJOR RAY HARRIS

They were solemn moments. Perhaps even confusing moments. The Passover meal had been prepared according to Jesus' instructions. After they ate the meal, Jesus turned to his Twelve Apostles with startling words: "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood" (Luke 22:20 NRSV). "New covenant in my blood." Jarring words!

The disciples were no strangers to the notion of covenant. It was in their communal DNA. God covenanted to bless the nations of the world through Abraham and Sarah (see Genesis 12:1-3). The first steps toward Israel's freedom began when "God remembered his covenant" (Exodus 2:24). Israel's identity as a "holy nation" was tied to its willingness to keep God's covenant (Exodus 19:5-6). And when Israel failed to be faithful to that covenant, the prophetic hope grew for a "new covenant," written not on tablets of stone but on the hearts of God's people (Jeremiah 31:31-34). Israel was not God's client, nor was God Israel's consumer choice. Their relationship was covenantal, not contractual.

"New covenant in my blood." The leaders who gathered around the Passover meal probably didn't realize it, but they had already experienced covenantal dimensions in their relationship with Jesus. He initiated their calling on the shores of Galilee. He promised to make them fishers of people. When they failed to understand his identity as Messiah, he waited patiently. When they didn't understand his teaching about suffering, death and resurrection, he didn't give up on them. When arguments developed about which of them should be on the podium, he smiled and placed a child before them. Despite their failings, he was loyal to them. And there was learning within this relationship: as Jesus approached the hour of his death, he turned to these same inconsistent leaders and said, "You are



The Last Supper, Hans Holbein the Younger, 1524

those who have stood by me in my trials" (Luke 22:28). Now his covenant would be expressed by his sacrificial love on the cross: "In my blood."

While valuing the role of contracts, Rabbi Jonathan Sacks in *The House We Build Together* argues for a renewed look at the biblical notion of covenant: "Contracts are agreements entered into for mutual advantage. They are undertaken by individuals or groups on the basis of self-interest. They have specific purposes. They can be terminated by mutual consent. They end once both parties have fulfilled their obligations. By contrast, covenants are moral commitments, and they are open-ended. They are sustained not by letter of law or by self-interest but by loyalty, fidelity, faithfulness."

This month, a company of men and women will enter a covenantal relationship with The Salvation Army. They will be commissioned and ordained as officers of this international Army. An officer's covenant begins with the words: "Called by Almighty

God to proclaim the gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ as an officer of The Salvation Army, I give myself to God, and here and now bind myself to him in a solemn covenant...." Officers intentionally express covenant loyalty to God through The Salvation Army.

An officer's covenant is *made with* The Salvation Army but *looks beyond it*. These new officers will soon spread out across this vast territory of Canada and Bermuda. In time, some may even find themselves in other parts of the world. Through their loyalty to this expression of the Church, they seek to build the society in which we live. They will grieve with those who suffer loss; they will encourage young people on the basketball court; they will advocate for the poor at city hall. They will do this, and more, because of their covenants.

As officers, we understand that many others covenant with the Army. And we recognize that we often fail in our responsibilities. But we do seek to be loyal to the Army's story, its deepest convictions, its symbols and its organizational policies. This is not an unquestioning loyalty; otherwise we would simply parrot the past and we would fail to "serve the present age." Officers seek to be faithful to the *ongoing* work of God's grace through the Army to the wider world. And that is a covenantal work.

God's covenant with humanity is defined by the cross of Jesus: "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood." It is a covenant initiated by God the Father, embodied by God the Son and empowered by God the Holy Spirit. God's covenant expresses God's triune life. May the God of covenantal love grant us *all* his grace to live covenantally, and so build our world together. ☞

This is the last instalment in the Jarring Words series. Salvationist thanks Major Harris for his contributions.

ENROLMENT AND RECOGNITION



STONEY CREEK, ONT.—Above: Three soldiers and two adherents are welcomed at Winterberry Heights Church. Front row, from left, Devon Tossell, Jean Marshall, Jacqueline Kadogi, Jean Peever and Claire Diffey. Back row, from left, Mjr Greg Simmonds, CO; and CSM Len Burleigh.



Right: Bernard Lokofe is enrolled as a senior soldier. From left, Len Burleigh, Bernard Lokofe and Mjr Greg Simmonds



TORONTO—Minnie Rotheram has been re-instated as a senior soldier at East Toronto Citadel. She had been an active soldier for many years at the Parliament Street Corps, Toronto. Minnie loves the old Army songs and choruses and is delighted and challenged to be a soldier again

WHITBY, ONT.—Whitby Community Church welcomes two new local officers. From left, Mjr Ivan Budgell, CO; BM Tina Regular; CSM Jim Reid; YPSM Shirley Moores and Mjr Pauline Budgell, CO



RENFREW, ONT.—Mjr Doug Smith, area commander, Ont. CE Div, presents Ken Bandy with an appreciation certificate for his service to Renfrew Community Church since 1952, and for assisting with the Christmas kettles in Armprior, Ont. From left, Mjr Doug Smith, Ken Bandy, Mjrs Jeananne and Glenn Wirachowsky, COs



DIIDO, N.L.—Top left: Samuel Drover receives his junior action completion certificate. With him is JSS Cora Smith. Top right: BM Sandra Reid presents a new cornet in memory of her father, Wilmore Reid, to Nita Brooks.

Right: Four senior soldiers are re-instated at Trinity Bay South. From left, Cpt Claudette Pilgrim, CO; Judy Hillier; Lillian Luffman; Elias Reid, colour sergeant; Gertie Thorne; James Reid and Cpt Chris Pilgrim, CO



YELLOWKNIFE, N.W.T.—Bernice Kapolak and Marlowe Ohokgak pose with Sally Anne, the Army mascot, at Yellowknife's annual Caribou Carnival in March. The Salvation Army was responsible for the children's games and also gave away Army pencils and temporary tattoos. Sally Anne became quite a celebrity with many people wanting their picture taken with her

Capturing People's Hearts

Tina Hessels says that "the most important thing in life is to help people." Born in Clinton, Ont., Tina was diagnosed with Down Syndrome at the age of six months. She attended Queen Elizabeth Public School in Goderich and graduated from Goderich District Collegiate School in 1989. She has been joyfully volunteering for 22 years at The Salvation Army thrift stores in Clinton and Goderich, Ont. "She not only works hard, but lifts our hearts with her cheerful spirit," says

Amanda Sudyk, thrift store co-supervisor. "Suncoast Citadel and Goderich and Clinton thrift stores thank and congratulate Tina for her many dedicated hours of service"



Tina Hessels has volunteered for 22 years

Generous Support

LONDON, ONT.— Zaid Joseph from S.E. Freight Systems Inc. in London, Ont., is a strong supporter of The Salvation Army. He gave thousands of dollars worth of groceries, turkeys and toys to the Army's Centre of Hope in London during the 2009 Christmas season. Joseph also provides large monthly donations of groceries to the food bank at the facility. The Centre of Hope supports hundreds of individuals in need through its residential programs and community and family services office. When asked what motivates him to be so generous, he replied, "I do it all for Jesus." Mjr Pat Phinney, divisional secretary for public relations and development, Ont. GL Div, presents an appreciation plaque to Joseph on behalf of The Salvation Army. Others in the photo, from left, are Lt-Col Debbie Graves, area commander and DDWM, Ont. GL Div; Mjr Paul Rideout, community and family services director; and Maggie Wilson-King, community and family services manager



New Governance Model for Kitchener Community Church

KITCHENER, ONT.—Mjrs Dale and Glenys Pilgrim, COs, dedicated a new mission board at Kitchener Community Church. This new leadership team and model of governance replaces the former corps council structure. Following a formal election process, the mission board was established with five directors holding leadership of their respective committees in addition to the unelected corps officers and corps sergeant major. The board meets monthly and committees meet a minimum of three times a year. The leadership change is intended to more effectively nurture and disciple the church family and impact the community with God's transforming grace. From left, Sherrill Hetherington, director of evangelism; Mjr Dale Pilgrim, CO; Jeff King, director of worship; Mjr Glenys Pilgrim, CO; Mjr Denis Skipper, director of life care; CSM John Vos; George Cranford, director of discipleship; Phil Hewitson, director of business



Celebrating 115 Years of Ministry



ARNOLD'S COVE, N.L.—In March, the corps in Arnold's Cove celebrated 115 years of ministry. Mayor Tom Osbourne and local clergy brought greetings at the anniversary banquet, and Mjrs Lorne and Barbara Pritchett led worship and spoke from God's Word on Sunday. The corps also recognized Winnie Deir and Yolanda Bolt for their 27 years of faithful ministry in the band.

"We are emphasizing small group ministry," says Mjr Ralph Fudge, CO. "We provide an exercise program three mornings a week and a weekly quilting program. The focus of our youth program is to the community. Our Kids of Praise (KOPS) program attracts 30-40 young people on Monday evenings. Though we have only 62 families, the corps is self-supporting because of the excellent growth in financial giving. We will be conducting open-air meetings and family night services during the summer, and are planning a Walk Thru the Bible event in the fall." Back row, from left, Mjrs Ralph and Gloria Fudge; Mjrs Barbara and Lorne Pritchett; and Trudy and Philip Bailey, guest vocalists. Front row, from left, Madison and Brianna Bolt, youth representatives; and Jessie Wareham

Distinguished Service

SAULT STE. MARIE, ONT.—The corps in Sault Ste. Marie honoured Darrell Collar, retiring local officer, with a presentation in a morning service and a dinner afterward, in which his daughter, Melody, sang the song *Thank You*. Collar committed his life to Christ at age 10 in Sunday school



and subsequently served faithfully in many capacities: bandsman, record sergeant, young people's sergeant major, recruiting sergeant and corps sergeant major. Collar helped with the Red Shield Appeal, ran the Christmas kettle campaign, led various Scouting sections, visited hospitals and implemented a hymn sing at Tendercare nursing home. He sang at many weddings, funerals and other occasions, and especially enjoyed his long tenure with The Salvation Army Steelton Quartet. From left, Mjr Renee Loveless, area commander, Ont. GL Div; Darrell Collar; and Cpt John Kirschman, community and family services manager

GAZETTE

TERRITORIAL Appointments

Mjr Beverly Ivany, writer, *Words of Life*, IHQ program resources department; Mjr Roy Snow, executive director, Toronto Harbour Light Ministries, Ont. CE Div

Promotions to major

Cpts Samuel/Shirley Roberts

Promoted to Glory

Mjr Phyllis Linder, from Halifax, Mar 15; Mrs. Mjr Margaret Rickard, from Toronto, Mar 31

CALENDAR

Commissioners William and Marilyn Francis

Jun 4-6 Ottawa 125, Ottawa; Jun 13-14 CFOT, Winnipeg; Jun 16-17 territorial leaders' conference, St. John's, N.L.; Jun 18-20 Atlantic Congress and Commissioning, St. John's, N.L.; Jun 21-23 World Religions Summit 2010, Winnipeg*

*Commissioner William Francis only

Colonels Floyd and Tracey Tidd

Jun 5-6 corps anniversary, Gravenhurst, Ont. CE Div; Jun 11-12 William and Catherine Booth College, Winnipeg*; Jun 16-17 territorial leaders'

conference, St. John's, N.L.; Jun 18-20 Atlantic Congress and Commissioning, St. John's, N.L.

*Colonel Floyd Tidd only

General and Mrs. Bramwell H. Tillsley (Rtd)

Jun 4-6 Rockford, Illinois, U.S.A.

Canadian Staff Band

Jun 11-13 Great American Brass Band Festival, Danville, Kentucky, U.S.A.

TRIBUTE

BISHOP'S FALLS, N.L.—**Raymond Reid** was born in Bishop's Falls in 1923. He was an active Salvationist throughout his life, playing in the band for over 60 years, eight of which he served as bandmaster. He was also cub master, songster, corps secretary and member of the men's fellowship. Raymond held various offices in the Loyal Orange Lodge and Royal Black Preceptory over the years and remained a faithful Army soldier. He was a well-respected Christian in the community. Raymond is remembered by his wife, Clara; four granddaughters, 13 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren; and sister, Ina Knight.



MUSGRAVETOWN, N.L.—**Captain Leaman Eveleigh** was born in Seal Cove, White Bay, N.L., in 1941. Leaman recommitted his life to Jesus at age 26, and in 1975, he and his wife, Susie, were commissioned as officers of the Soldiers of the Cross Session. Corps ministry included appointments in Little Bay Islands, Robert's Arm, Stephenville, Musgravetown, King's Point and Green's Harbour, N.L. They also served as chaplains at the school for the deaf and Janeway Children's Hospital in St. John's, N.L. Illness forced them to retire early. Many difficult experiences, including the tragic loss of their son, gave Leaman a compassionate heart that touched many people. Leaman ministered with a humble spirit at Islandview Citadel, Musgravetown, N.L., showing people the way to the Saviour he served. He loved and took great pride in his family. Leaman is lovingly remembered by wife, Susie; daughters Major Wavey Chaulk (David), Linda Humby (Melvin), and Judy Eveleigh; three grandchildren and many friends. Leaman died as he lived—trusting in the Lord.



ST. JOHN'S, N.L.—**Frank Rowe Hallett** was born in Hickman's Harbour, N.L., and moved with his officer parents to Garnish, Winterton, Englee, Pilley's Island, Grand Falls and St. John's, N.L. Frank was a bandsman and the songster accompanist at Adelaide St. Corps, St. John's, for eight years and at St. John's Temple for 34 years. He also taught Sunday school and members of the junior band, chaperoned for youth group and participated in Bible studies. An organist and pianist for various types of Army gatherings, Frank also accompanied many soloists and instrumentalists and provided music for weddings and funerals. Frank is remembered by his wife, Shirley; son, David (Michelle); two granddaughters and four sisters.



MONTREAL—**Major Marguerite Belanger** was born in Montreal in 1923, and with her family attended Central French, the only francophone corps in the city at that time. She accepted Christ as a teenager and was commissioned as an officer in 1948 as a member of the King's Messengers Session. Appointments took her to several corps in Ontario as well as Sussex, N.B., and Parsboro, N.S. She also served at divisional headquarters in Montreal and at territorial headquarters in Toronto. After training as a lab technician, she was appointed to Windsor Grace Hospital, Ont., Winnipeg Grace Hospital and St. John's Grace Hospital, N.L. After several years in women's social ministries, Marguerite retired from the Montreal Eventide Home in 1988. Her many friends in Montreal remember her as a lady who made acquaintances wherever she went: on the bus, at restaurants and at her corps, Montreal Citadel. Marguerite is missed by her sister, Helen Worth; and brother, Charlie (Marie).



MONCTON, N.B.—**Doris Eileen Killam (nee Vail)** was born in 1931. Married to Rae for 55 years, they shared their love for God and The Salvation Army. Doris faithfully attended the home league for 55 years. She is lovingly remembered by husband, Rae; daughter, Linda; son-in-law, Ralph MacKenzie; grandson, Ryan; granddaughter, Amanda; and many extended family members and friends.



Boston Common

Salvationist Perspectives on Holiness

edited by Major Stephen Court

The name Samuel Logan Brengle is synonymous with holiness. Brengle testified to receiving a special "blessing" in January 1885 as he walked over Boston Common. Celebrating the 125th anniversary of Brengle's holiness experience, *Boston Common* contains inspirational teaching from the 2009 Brengle Institute in Australia. Lt-Colonel Ian Barr, Major Alan Harley, Captain Grant Sandercock-Brown, Colonel Raymond Finger and Captain Danielle Strickland lend the fruits of their research, prayer and skills to make *Boston Common* worthy of wide readership.



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Reactivating a Missional Form of Discipleship

by Alan and Debra Hirsch

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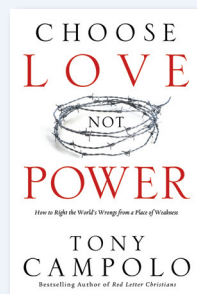


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How to Right the World's Wrongs From a Place of Weakness

by Tony Campolo

Have evangelical Christians encouraged political leaders to favour war policies? Does the church promote sexism? Are Christian leaders misunderstood when teaching on world catastrophes? Some of the most controversial topics are rooted in power and are challenging the foundation of modern Christianity. In *Choose Love, Not Power*, biblical scholar and minister Dr. Tony Campolo urges Christians to follow Jesus' example and combat societal struggles with sacrificial love.

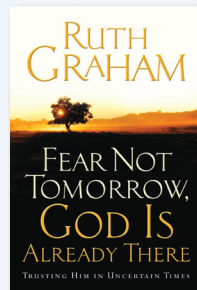


Fear Not Tomorrow, God is Already There

Trusting Him in Uncertain Times

by Ruth Graham

Whether it is the death of a loved one, abandonment by a spouse, the loss of a job or a frightening diagnosis, we all have to deal with unpleasant and potentially debilitating events in our lives. In *Fear Not Tomorrow, God is Already There*, Ruth Graham, daughter of evangelist Billy Graham, invites readers to surrender their problems to God. Graham writes from the experience of wounds, such as two failed marriages and a son who struggled with addiction. She asserts that by letting go of your own plans and surrendering to God's, you can find the peace you have always strived for.



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*O say can you see, by the
dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hail'd
at the twilight's last
gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and
bright stars through the
perilous fight
O'er the ramparts we
watch'd were so gallantly
streaming?*

Growing up adjacent to an American air force base in the 1960s, I came to love all things American—hot dogs, baseball, fighter jets and especially the national anthem, *The Star-Spangled Banner*. The imagery stirred my imagination. The idea of the flag flying through the night while the battle raged around it—the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air—thrilled my young heart. Almost every day I would stop and watch the squadrons take off and head out over the North Atlantic during the perilous days of the Cold War. I knew the words of the anthem by heart.

*O say does that star-
spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and
the home of the brave?*

On a shelf in my house is a flag, neatly folded and placed there with loving care. A flag that I took down from the last place it flew. It is not the Stars and Stripes. It is the flag with the star in the centre, the yellow, the red and the blue. It is the flag of The Salvation Army. This particular flag last flew on June 26, 2006, outside the College for Officer Training in St. John's, N.L. On that day the last cadets ever to train there loaded their cars, gathered their families around them and said goodbye. It was the end of an era.

At that time I was on the staff of the college, and among the last persons to leave the building. Since nobody else



was interested in having the flag, I asked if I might keep it. I felt a little like Joseph of Arimathea taking something sacred down from the tree to place in my own secret tomb. Alas, I am still waiting for the resurrection.

In the heady days of the Army in Canada, every June was a great celebration of what our leaders called the "annual miracle" when scores of cadets (sometimes nearing 100 in total) were commissioned. In Toronto, the venerable Massey Hall in the city's

heart was rented for the event. Although it held almost 3,000 people, one had to get there early to secure a good seat. In St. John's, the stadium or one of the large churches was often used for commissioning, and like in Toronto, crowds filled the meeting places. The annual miracle was celebrated in grand style.


Then the miracles grew smaller. Fewer cadets entered training. Many dorm rooms in the Toronto college sat empty. Classrooms echoed. The college closed in 2004 and the flag

came down. St. John's held out until 2006 and then the second flag came down. The two areas with the greatest concentration of Salvationists on the continent were now without a training college. It must be pointed out that this last fact is not the reason why so few cadets are in training today. Young people were staying away from officership before the colleges closed. The colleges closed because there were not enough cadets to justify staying open. The real cause of the drought of recruits to officership lies far deeper than the location of the training college. It's a spiritual problem.

Jesus said, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field" (Luke 10:2). The Lord's intention to equip and send workers into the harvest field has not changed. It is God's will to anoint and appoint people to ministry. Why, then, this dearth of cadets in The Salvation Army? Perhaps somewhere in the hallowed rooms of territorial headquarters someone is figuring out what happened to the "annual miracle" and is planning on doing something about it. Perhaps even now someone has the answer and is about to unveil a Marshall Plan to restore the Army's future.

One can only hope.

Today a brave band of cadets and their teachers hold the fort at Winnipeg. Like the defenders at the Alamo, they keep the training college flag flying. Will it be the last? An old cowboy song comes to mind: "O bury me not on the lone prairie." Don't let this outpost fall.

*Then conquer we must,
when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto—"In
God is our trust."* 

Major Fred Ash is the corps officer at Burlington Community Church, Ont.



Health Matters

When it comes to promoting spiritual and physical well-being, Warren Jones is pursuing a higher standard

INTERVIEW BY JOHN McALISTER, SENIOR EDITOR

As the Permanent Secretary for Health in the Government of Bermuda, I provide administrative and policy support to the Minister of Health. I hold direct responsibility for the operations of Ministry Headquarters as Chief Accounting Officer and provide oversight and support for Public Health, hospitals, health insurance, seniors and the Bermuda Health Council.

I grew up attending Hamilton Citadel, but I've been worshipping at Cedar Hill in Warwick for close to 12 years. For the past 11 years, I've been the

corps bandmaster and have also served as the bandmaster for the Bermuda Divisional Band for 10 years.

I've been married to Joanne for 27 years. We have two children, Jomal, 34, and Kyle, 26. We also have three grandchildren, E'ja, nine, Ze'aje, six, and Sage, two, and two German shepherds that play a significant role in our family life, Dash and Shem.

I became a Christian at a very young age. My mother always ensured that my brother and I were in Sunday school each

week. From there, I became involved in music camp. Once I became associated with the music program of the Army, it was established as my church for life. However, it was during my teen years at youth councils that I realized that the world held nothing for me and I made the decision to follow Christ. At times I have taken advantage of those blessings and not lived my life as fully as I should have. In 1994, while pursuing my master's degree, I came to a greater realization of Christ and the role he should play in my life directly and in my music generally. From that point on, I have felt that it is God who is in control and that it is my job to follow him.

I appreciate that we have an Army heritage based on outreach. We are readily identifiable in our uniform, and as a result, we gain access to situations and opportunities that might not fall to those in other denominations. I am very proud of the Army uniform and what it represents.


The most rewarding aspect of my occupation is the opportunity to ensure that health services are provided to the community of Bermuda at an international standard. It is a blessing and an honour to be at the head of one of the most important ministries of the Government of Bermuda.

Some people tend to take their health for granted and, in some cases, do not have the financial foundation to be able to cover their health needs that are not met by health insurance. Finding the resources to assist these people is a challenge.

Bermuda is presently in the midst of what might be called a health-care overhaul. We are redeveloping our acute care

hospital, implementing a mental health plan for the country, introducing a second phase of a health-care plan for seniors, regulating health-care professionals that are presently not regulated, and attempting to implement these and other initiatives in the midst of a difficult economic situation. I believe that God is in control. Regardless of what I might not be able to control or predict, he has a plan. I trust in that plan and try to never let my fears or concerns override my trust in God.

The Church must stand up and take its place as the moral compass of the community. There was a time when the Church lobby in Bermuda impacted public policy. Politicians were afraid to make certain decisions because they recognized that the leaders of the church held an influence over whether or not they could get re-elected. The Church has grown silent. We are afraid to speak out on the issues that are affecting our community. We are concerned that the message must be politically correct as opposed to giving leadership based on biblical principles. In Bermuda, topics of discussion and concern are youth violence, drugs, gambling and the present economic climate. The Church has a role to play in assisting the public in understanding where it stands on all of these matters.

My hope is that The Salvation Army will not put its financial needs and wants ahead of its moral responsibility to speak out strongly on the ills of our community. I would like to see us act like an Army and not be afraid to be on the frontlines sharing God's Word and Christian principles and offering real evidence of "heart to God, hand to man," regardless of the opposition that comes our way. 

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